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SUBJ: CENTER OF CAPE TOWN AGAIN DISRUPTED

REF: CAPE TOWN 0991

SUMMARY::BUSINESS AND TRAFFIC WERE DISRUPTED FOR SECOND DAY
IN CENTER OF CAPE TOWN TODAY (SEPTEMBER 3) AS POLICE LAID
DOWN CLOUDS OF TEAR GAS AND, ACCORDING NEWS REPORTS, FIRED
RBIRD SHOT TO DISPERSE DEMONSTRATORS. 400 REPORTED ARRESTED
IN LAST 2 DAYS. AS OF LATE AFTERNOON, DEMONSTRATORS HAVE
DISPERSED AND CENTER OF CITY AGAIN OPEN TO TRAFFIC. END SUMMARY.

1. CENTER OF CAPE TOWN WAS AGAIN BLOCKED TO TRAFFIC AS
POLICE FIRED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS.
DESPITE POLICE WARNINGS, STREETD APPEARED TO BE THRONGED
WITH ONLOOKERS AND THERE WERE NUMEROUS REPORTS OF BYSTANDERS
OVERCOME BY TEAR GAS. WHILE MOST SHOPS REMAINED OPEN,
MERCHANTS COMPLAINED OF DRASIC DECLINE IN SALES AND MANY
AGAIN RELEASED STAFF EARLY.

NUMBERS OF DEMONSTRATORS
APPEARED TO BE FEWER THEN YESTERDAY. AS WAS CASE YESTERDAY,
ACTUAL PHYSICAL DAMAGE APPARED TO BE SLIG UGM BY LATER
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AFTERNOON CENTRAL AREA WAS CLEARED AND TRAFFIC AGAIN PERMITTED

INTO ADDERLEY AND OTHER MAIN STREETS.

2. ELSEWHERE POLICE FORCIBLY DISPERSED DEMONSTRATIONS IN
ATHLONE, CLAREMONT, MAITLAND
ND AND AT TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL
IN CAPE TOWN. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, TWO ARE DEAD AND ABOUT
400 ARRESTED DURING PAST 2 DAYS. SEVERAL POLICEMEN ARE
REPORTED INJURED.
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